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Amendments to the Claims

1-20.(canceled)

21.(currently amended) A method, comprising:

~~storing a plurality of an authorized bio-signatures signature in a memory of a printer;~~

the printer displaying a plurality of pending secured print jobs each having an authorized bio signature associated therewith;

the printer receiving a selection of one of the secured print jobs for printing;

the printer comparing an entered bio signature for a user to the authorized bio signature for the selected print job; and

the printer printing the selected print job allowing the user access to the configuration controls of the printer only if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature for the selected print job.

22.(currently amended) The method of Claim 21, further comprising prompting a user to enter a bio signature of the user at the printer after receiving a selection of one of the secured print jobs for printing when the user attempts to access configuration controls of the printer.

23.(new) The method of Claim 21, wherein the printer printing the selected print job if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature for the selected print job comprises the printer printing the selected print job only if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature for the selected print job the entered bio signature comprises a first entered bio signature and the method further comprising:

~~the printer receiving a secured print job and a bio signature associated with the print job;~~

~~the printer comparing a second entered bio signature to the bio signature associated with the print job; and~~

~~printing the print job only if the second entered bio signature matches the bio signature associated with the print job.~~

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24-25.(canceled)

26.(currently amended) The method of Claim 21 23, further comprising tracking usage of the printer according to an entered bio signature.

27.(currently amended) A printing system, comprising:

a computer;

a first biometric identification device operatively connected to the computer for entering bio signatures directly into the computer;

the computer configured to associate an authorized bio signature entered through the first biometric identification device with a secured print job;

a printer operatively connected to the computer;

a second biometric identification device operatively connected to the printer for entering bio signatures directly into the printer; and

the printer configured to store an authorized bio signature in a memory of the printer; compare a bio signature of a user entered through the second biometric identification device to the authorized an authorized bio signature associated with a secured print job received from the computer[[,]] and print the print job allow the user access to the configuration controls of the printer only if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature.

28.(new) The system of Claim 28, wherein the printer configured to print the print job if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature comprises the printer configured to print the print job only if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature ~~is further configured to prompt a user to enter a bio signature of the user at the printer when the user attempts to access configuration controls of the printer.~~

29-30.(canceled)

31.(currently amended) The system of Claim 27 29, wherein the printer is further configured to track usage of the printer according to an entered bio signature.

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32-33.(canceled)

34.(previously presented) The system of Claim 27, wherein the printer comprises a fax machine.

35.(currently amended) The system of Claim 27, wherein the bio signatures comprise ~~signature comprises~~ an electronic representation of a user's fingerprint.

36.(new) A method, comprising:  
a computer associating a plurality of authorized bio signatures with a single print job;  
the computer sending the print job to a printer;  
the printer comparing an entered bio signature for a user to the authorized bio signatures for the print job; and  
the printer printing the print job if the entered bio signature matches one of the authorized bio signatures.

37.(new) The method of Claim 36, wherein the printer printing the print job if the entered bio signature matches one of the authorized bio signatures comprises the printer printing the print job only if the entered bio signature matches one of the authorized bio signatures.